

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt, May 25.—Mr. Bean, one of the firm of Beck & Bean, died Friday, and was taken to his home in North Carolina and laid to rest by the side of his relatives. His father came to accompany the remains home. While he was away from home and in a strange land, he had all the attention that could be given him, but the call was urgent, and he had to go and obey the Lord's call. Mr. Bean was a man who had very little to say to anyone, acted gentlemanly when around on the streets, attending to business.

Mrs. Bertha Jones and little daughter are spending some time with her mother, sisters and brothers, enjoying this delightful weather with us all. Bertha is as lively as ever and makes one enjoy her company.

Mrs. Jacob Ehrhardt and her daughter, Mrs. Fannie Copeland, went to Savannah, Ga., to spend a while with her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Epting.

Rev. Roof preached for us Sunday morning and will preach Sunday afternoon at Mt. Pleasant. He preached, as the ladies say, a lovely sermon.

Old man Lip Moore died very suddenly this morning. Went out to feed his mules and when going back to house fell dead.

It is so dry and dusty until picnics are not enjoyable. If it holds on until the candidates have to speak they will receive a dusty hand shake from G. O. P. JEE.

Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, May 25.—Although the weather (atmospherically considered) has been very dry, our town has enjoyed frequent showers which will brighten the homes of at least two young couples.

Miss Flora Kenny, our June bride, was given a hose shower by Misses Porter and Albergotti; then Mesdames J. F. and W. M. Lightsey gave linen showers. The first one was participated in by the older mesdames, then one was given at a later hour when the younger matrons took part. The decorations were in pink and white, and the color scheme was carried out in the little parcels post wagon, drawn by the little sons of Mesdames Lightsey, in which infantia Frederika sat enthroned and handed the parcels of dainty linen to the bride-to-be. The children wore pink and white too. The hostesses, the bride and the charming waitresses wore pink and white. A delicious salad course was served.

The question was asked the mature dames: "How can the love of a husband be retained?" One replied: "Feed the brute!"

The presents were dainty and beautiful.

The younger matrons were entertained from 6 to 7 p. m. on the same afternoon at the same house and carried beautiful linen gifts for Miss Kenney. They also partook of a nice luncheon.

Later in the evening Miss Zelle Loadholt entertained the young folks of the community—a miscellaneous shower for Miss Kenney. The contest was clothes pins to be dressed in fancy paper and the one which appeared most bride-like won the prize. The cut glass piece was won by Miss Ethel Jarrell. The refreshments were pink and white ices—heart shaped with ribbon cakes. All enjoyed it immensely. The presents were lovely.

There was a large gathering at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kearse on Friday afternoon, of relatives and friends, which partook of the nature of a house warming. Delicious refreshments were served. Many pretty and useful gifts were bestowed. All enjoyed the social gathering.

On Thursday evening the play "Topsy Turvy" was produced. Mesdames Blount, Jennings, Myrick and Miss Belle Compton (who was "Topsy Turvy") and Messrs. Johnston, Simpson, Compton and Earl Hammond were the principal actors. It was beautifully carried out, nothing lacking, and they were appreciatively applauded. Miss Stella Hobson gave sweet music between the acts, and all during the evening. Mr. Blount gave some pretty picture views while the audience ate cream and cake. They took in \$45—for church fur-

ITEMS FROM DENMARK.

Teachers Elected for Next Term.

Mrs. Faust Injured.

Denmark, May 22.—Examinations begin to-day in the Denmark graded school, and the commencement will be on Friday night, May 23, following the annual public meeting of the Lanier Literary society, to be held on Thursday night.

The following teachers have been re-elected: E. M. McCown, principal; Miss Fewell of Rock Hill, Miss Lindsay of Chester, Miss Calhoun of Greenwood and Miss Richards of Liberty Hill, Miss Tolbert of Laurens, Miss Townsend of Ninety-Six, Miss Cockran of Pickens and Miss Dixon of Bishopville have been elected to fill out the faculty.

Mrs. W. H. Faust, while on a visit to her sister, Mrs. John M. Major of Ware Shoals, some two weeks ago, sustained a serious injury from a fall down the steps. She is improving at this time, and is in Greenwood with another sister, Mrs. J. S. Andrews. Mrs. Faust expects to spend the summer in Greenwood.

Mrs. A. L. Izlar of Ocala, Fla., is on a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. Alice Cooper. She will go from here to the Wofford college commencement on account of the graduation of her son, Laurie T. Izlar, Jr.

Ehrhardt Beats Brunson.

Ehrhardt, May 22.—Clearly outclassing Brunson, both at the bat and afield, Ehrhardt defeated the former team on the local ground yesterday afternoon, 6 to 3. The locals played a swell game in the field and found Youmans, the visiting pitcher, for nine safe hits. Hiers, for Ehrhardt, yielded only five hits, which were well scattered throughout the contest. He also fanned ten Brunson batters. Smith, for the locals, made a sensational catch off Youman's bat. Score:

Brunson	3	5	6
Ehrhardt	6	9	2

Batteries, Youmans and Rivers; Hiers and Hughes. Umpire, Ariel. Time, 1.50.

ENDS LIFE WITH PISTOL.

Sumter Woman's Suicide Attributed to Despondency.

Sumter, May 25.—Mrs. Sadie K. McCutcheon committed suicide Sunday morning by shooting herself with a pistol. She had been suffering from extreme nervousness for some time and was very despondent, this being given as the reason for her act.

The funeral services will be held at St. Phillip's church, Bradford Springs, to-morrow morning. The deceased was a member of a prominent family and is survived by her mother, Mrs. E. F. Burrows, and three brothers, Messrs. William, Stanyarne and A. C. Burrows.

Denmark Personals.

Denmark, May 23.—Mrs. A. L. Izlar, of Ocala, Fla., is visiting her mother, Mrs. C. C. Cooper.

Miss Emma Owens has returned from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. H. W. Goolsby, at Hartsville.

Mrs. S. R. Tindal is visiting her son in Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Ruby Guess has returned from Privateer, where she has been teaching the past session.

Miss Ruth Buford is the guest of Miss Saddle Guess.

Mrs. Julia S. Payne has returned from a week's stay in Williston.

H. W. Goolsby of Hartsville, spent the week-end with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Chandler, of Orangeburg, were in town this week.

Ask Recognition for Cook.

Washington, May 23.—A petition signed by several thousand citizens of Michigan asking congress to recognize Frederick A. Cook as the discoverer of the North Pole was presented to the senate to-day by Senator William Alden Smith.

We are glad to welcome Miss Latham back. She is the guest of Mrs. L. Youmans and has many friends here.

Miss Elizabeth McWhirter is a guest here.

Miss Mercedes Buckner has returned from her school.

The commencement sermon was preached on Sunday by Rev. Mr. Truesdale, of Charleston. The youths will long remember his pen pictures of a married life. The graduating exercises take place Monday evening.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, of South Carolina, is being held this week at Chester.

The South Carolina reunion, U. C. V., is being held in Anderson this week. The attendance is reported as being large.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary societies of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, met in convention in Columbia Wednesday evening.

A. M. Law has been appointed receiver for the Enoree mill, at Spartanburg. This mill operates 36,000 spindles and is capitalized at \$400,000.

The first candidates to file their pledges were Congressman James F. Byrnes, for re-election to congress, and Speaker Mendel L. Smith, for governor.

Tuesday morning fire completely destroyed the large mercantile establishment of John McSweeney Company, at Timmonsville. The loss is estimated at \$130,000.

Two new candidates are spoken of for attorney general, either one of whom would make a good one—Julius E. Boggs, of Anderson, and A. G. Brice, of Chester.

Joseph Phillips, a pipe-fitter, was shot and killed in Charleston on Sunday with a pistol by Andrew McCormick, a painter. Both men were employed at the navy yard.

Jas. A. McKee, said to be the last survivor in this State of the Palmetto regiment of the Mexican war of 1846-47, died at his home in Pickens county, on Saturday, aged 90 years.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Christy of Norway, Orangeburg county, got hold of some water with fly-paper poison in it Thursday and drank it, and died a few hours later.

Dr. Samson Williams, a well known young dentist of Wagener, Aiken county, has been bound over to the circuit court on a charge of slandering Miss Emma Garvin, assistant postmaster at Wagener.

Mayor Littlejohn, of Gaffney, after convicting and fining some twenty citizens of Gaffney for automobile speeding, had a case docketed against himself on the same charge. The case will be passed on by the mayor pro tem.

Brown Williams, a farmer living near Piedmont, was struck by a trolley car Friday night and mortally injured, his arm being broken in several places and his skull fractured. It is said he was lying on the track when the car came along.

Fire, supposed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed the barn and other property, belonging to Joseph P. Johnson, in Georgetown county, Friday morning between one and three o'clock. The total loss was \$5,000, with small insurance.

Will Miles was found guilty Tuesday in the circuit court of Anderson of slandering Rev. E. N. Sanders, pastor of the Second Baptist church at Anderson, in saying that Mr. Anderson visited a house of ill fame with him while they were in Greenville attending a meeting.

TAKEN FROM JAIL.

Negro Seized by Mob in Abbeville. Sheriff Held at Bay.

Abbeville, May 26.—Last night about 12 o'clock a crowd of men numbering from 75 to 100 broke into the Abbeville county jail, secured a negro, John Thomas, charged with attempted assault, carried him two miles out on the Due West road, operated upon him and sent him back to jail.

The crowd was so orderly and quiet that people living quite close to the jail heard not a sound. Sheriff Lyon was notified at his home that a crowd was breaking in the jail. He hurried as fast as he could but found the jail and jail yard full of men when he arrived. While attempting to enter the rear door of the jail, Sheriff Lyon was held up by four or five men with rifles and made to stay where he was until all was over.

First English Statesman—In other times the woman in political campaigns gave kisses for votes.

Second Ditto—Heavens! Suppose the militant suffragettes take to reviving the plan.

BECKER FOUND GUILTY.

For Second Time New York Police officer is Convicted.

New York, May 22.—Twelve men to-day decided for the second time that Charles Becker was the arch-conspirator responsible for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, which nearly two years ago awoke New York to a realization of corruption in the police department and opened a new era of police reform.

Becker, once a police lieutenant, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Only a pardon or interference again by the court of appeals can save him from following to the electric chair the four gunmen who shot Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, early on the morning of July 16, 1912. The jury to-day decided that the gunmen were Becker's agents.

One ballot decided Becker's fate. It was taken almost immediately after the jurors returned from luncheon at an up-town hotel where they went when Supreme Court Justice Samuel Seabury had finished his charging. It was unanimous for conviction. Tears streamed down the foreman's face as he announced the decision and tears stood in the eyes of several other jurymen. They had agreed that the corroboration which the district attorney failed to present at the first trial to support the stories of Rose, Vallon and Webber, the three accomplices who turned informers, had been furnished by new witnesses at the second.

Week's Stay for Appeal.

Becker's counsel announced that he would appeal and gained a week's stay for the preparation of his future campaign. The defendant was granted a short meeting with his wife and his brothers and then was taken back to his cell in the Tombs.

Becker and his wife were talking shortly before 5 o'clock in a room adjoining the sheriff's office, when a court attendant announced that the jury had reached a verdict. Mrs. Becker was not permitted to accompany her husband to the court room. Newspaper men, court attendants, counsel for the defence and District Attorney Whitman and his staff were the only other persons admitted. The defendant's two brothers, Jackson and John Becker, the latter a detective, a lieutenant, hurried to a side entrance where they stood awaiting the verdict.

When the little group in the court room had found seats the twelve men who alone knew Becker's fate filed silently in with Foreman F. Meriden Blagden at their head. All twelve faces were expressionless.

Justice Seabury mounted the bench. He glanced quickly at the faces of the jurors, but he learned nothing there. Old court attendants who declared long practice had made them able usually to tell the verdict by the jurors' looks, admitted that on this occasion they were at a loss.

Becker in the room overhead was still talking to his wife when Justice Seabury took his seat. A bailiff was sent for the defendant. Becker kissed his wife as he left her.

"It's all right," he told her; "don't worry. They'll free me."

Becker walked briskly through the court room to the rail facing Justice Seabury and gripped it with both hands. His face was colorless. He glanced hopefully at the jury, but he didn't catch the eye of a single man. To all outward appearances the jury did not even know the defendant was in the room. The clerk asked the jury to rise.

"Foreman," he said, "have you reached a verdict?"

Blagden, a youngish man, blonde and slim, brushed his eyes with a handkerchief, already damp. "We have," he said softly. "We find the defendant—" he hesitated a moment and continued in a whisper, "we find this defendant guilty, as charged in the indictment—guilty of murder in the first degree."

Becker's face was gray as he gripped the bar in front of him with all his strength. The big muscles in his neck jumped out in heavy rolls. The veins at his temples swelled. His great frame swayed and drooped; then with quick control he became himself again.

The Foreman Wept.

Big tears welled into the eyes of the little foreman. He wiped them away and then the clerk began to ask the questions required by law. The roll was called and each individual juror was asked if "guilty" was his verdict, too.

Now is the time to play checkers. Boards for sale at The Herald Book Store.

AUGUSTA SECURES CAMP

TROOPS OF FOUR STATES TO PARTICIPATE.

Isle of Palms Was Site First Chosen. Change Due to Controversy.

Columbia, May 24.—The South Carolina National Guard yesterday received with interest the announcement that the ninth division instruction is to be located at Augusta. The information was given in a special story from New York to the Augusta Chronicle, from Thos. W. Loyless, the editor of the paper. The selection of the camp site has been under advisement since the order for the camp at the Isle of Palms was revoked by the secretary of war after a controversy with the governor of South Carolina. About 10,000 men will be sent to Augusta by the United States war department from North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

Following special dispatch from New York appeared in The Chronicle of yesterday:

"As the result of efforts inaugurated by the Merchants and Manufacturers association more than a month ago, and kept up continuously but very quietly since, Augusta secures the Ninth division instruction camp of the National Guard from July 15, embracing about 10,000 troops.

"This was definitely settled here yesterday and to-day in interviews with General Evans, commanding the department of the east, and Col. Wright, chief of staff. The site selected is Aumond, which all agree, from photographs and maps submitted, is one of the finest military campsites ever brought to their attention. Acceptance of the site, however, is conditioned upon the city furnishing water and extension of the street car track. The city has accepted promptly and wisely, and think J. G. White will do so Monday.

"The camp will embrace troops of Georgia, North and South Carolina and Florida. About three regiments will be in camp at the time, for 10 days each.

"This is the same encampment for which the Isle of Palms was selected in April last and which was lost to that State by the governor's foolish action. Charleston has worked very hard to secure reconsideration, but Augusta has been successfully pressing her claims since the war department called the governor's bluff.

"Gen. Duvall, of Augusta, strongly indorsed the site selected as the finest this side of Paradise.

M'BEE MAN IS KILLED.

Patterson Blackwell is Shot by James Blackwell.

McBee, May 23.—Thursday afternoon Jas. Blackwell shot and instantly killed his brother, Patterson Blackwell, at Jas. Blackwell's home about three miles south of McBee. An inquest was held early yesterday morning by Magistrate J. W. McCasidy. The verdict was "justifiable homicide." The disagreement between the brothers, it is said, was brought about by the younger brother, Patterson Blackwell, mistreating his aged father and mother. The burial took place yesterday afternoon at Union church.

Improve Allendale.

Allendale, May 22.—The commission of public works, W. F. Googe, E. H. Oswald and B. F. Barker, who were recently elected, have contracted with the H. S. Jaudon Engineering company of Savannah, to do the engineering work in connection with the establishment of a water, light and sewerage plant for this city. The work will commence at once.

\$1,500 Fire at Allendale.

Allendale, May 22.—The barn and outbuildings of J. G. Stoney, a prominent farmer and citizen of Allendale, were destroyed by fire yesterday. The cause is thought to have been spontaneous combustion of new cut oats, which had recently been stored in the barn. Fortunately the fire occurred when the stock was out at work. The loss is estimated at about \$1,500, with no insurance.

This is the second barn to burn in Allendale recently, W. R. Williams having lost one about two weeks ago. His loss, however, was not so heavy.

The Malay States have a coin worth one-five-thousandth part of a cent.

FIRE AT BLACKVILLE.

Sleeping Boy Was Rescued From Flames.

Blackville, May 25.—Fire bells pealed forth last night about 9 o'clock, it being discovered that Ed Harley's dwelling was in a mass of flames. The house and the automobile house was about 50 feet from Mr. Johnston's palatial two-story dwelling and the numerous spectators present were apprehensive that the dwelling would also be destroyed. However, heroic work saved the residence.

Mr. Johnston's automobile was snatched from the burning automobile house, but the house was too far gone to save the tools and other articles therein.

Ed Harley also lost all his household belongings and says his boy was rescued from the burning building by an old crippled man.

It seems that the boy was asleep at the time it caught. The origin of the fire is unknown. It was impossible to learn if any insurance was carried.

REBELS WON'T COME IN.

Jose Vasconcelos Declares He is Not Delegate to Peace Conference.

New York, May 22.—Jose Vasconcelos, the Carranza special agent, who, it has been reported, would be chosen as a constitutionalist representative to go to Niagara Falls mediation conference, emphatically denied in a statement to-night that he was to receive such an appointment, or that Carranza ever would consider mediation as a solution of Mexico's internal affairs.

"As long as the Huertistas are at Niagara we shall not be represented there," said Vasconcelos. "The only way my party meets Huerta is on the battlefield."

"I have no instructions and no information about this rumored participation of the constitutionalists in the mediation, except what I read in to-day's papers. I shall accept any mission that the chief of the constitutionalist party may confer upon me. But I have no idea I shall be named as delegate to the A. B. C. conference.

"Personally, as a Mexican, I thank the A. B. C. Powers for their efforts to settle a conflict brought on in my country by some of its bad citizens. But the A. B. C. Powers have no more right than the United States to interfere or advise in our internal questions.

"These questions should not be discussed in the Niagara meetings. I am sure the constitutionalists will not be a party to such a violation of our sovereignty. As to meeting the Huerta delegates, I don't see what we could possibly talk about."

Mr. Vasconcelos, who is close to the constitutionalists leader, has just finished a special mission in Toronto and will return to Mexico by way of Washington. He planned to leave for Washington late to-night.

WINS \$100,000 DAMAGE SUIT.

Barnwell Jury Finds Verdict for Defendant in Myrick Case.

Barnwell, May 22.—A verdict for the defendant was found to-day by the jury in the case of B. R. Myrick, administrator, vs. C. & W. C. Ry. Co., in a suit for \$100,000 damages for the death of Miss Ruth Myrick, who was killed by a freight train at Allendale a couple of years ago. The trial occupied about three days, and the jury agreed on a verdict in about as many hours. No surprise was occasioned by the verdict, as it was apparent on the second day that the plaintiff had a weak case.

HUERTA NOT TO STEP DOWN.

Says He Didn't Tell Peace Delegates He Would Resign.

Mexico City, May 20.—Provisional President Huerta, in the course of an interview to-day, said:

"The Mexican peace delegates have no instruction to confer my resignation at the conference at Niagara Falls."

The president spoke with energy, standing erect, and emphasized his words with a characteristic gesture.

Prior to this the acting minister of foreign affairs, Esteve Ruiz, had declared that the Mexican representatives had been given "ample powers" by the government to deal with everything that may be discussed at the peace conference with the object of solving the international difficulty.